

2020 Census Update

As of the end of April, 56.2% of Kentucky households have responded to the 2020 Census! While our state as a whole is doing slightly better than the national average, we still have several counties with low response rates. With 2020 Census Field Operations not scheduled to resume until after June 1st, the Census Bureau needs libraries' help continuing to encourage folks to take 10 minutes to complete their census online, by phone, or by mail.

Libraries can help by utilizing their social media presence to encourage people to complete the census. Here are some helpful resources: Social media images—including some library specific—<https://2020census.gov/en/how-to-help.html#customizeyourpledge>. [CreativesForTheCount.org](https://creativesforthecount.org)—a gallery of 500+ graphics, memes, video, photos and more. County by county self-response rates—<https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html>. And an updated timeline for Census operations due to COVID-19—<https://2020census.gov/en/news-events/operational-adjustments-covid-19.html>.

Workforce Partnerships and Resources

KDLA is partnering with the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board (KWIB) to create a monthly webinar series related to Workforce Development Resources for Libraries. More information will be coming out soon.

In addition, we have launched a new Workforce Development page on the KDLA website. It highlights partnerships for helping people find work, such as Kentucky Skills U, KET, and the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board. You can also find locations for Kentucky Career Centers and Workforce Development Area Maps. More information at <https://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/programs/workforcedevelopment/Pages/default.aspx>

Proposed Amendments to Initial and Renewal Certification for Library Staff

The Kentucky Administrative Regulations for the Certification of Public Librarians were submitted to the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) with amendments. These documents can be found at <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/TITLE725.HTM>. A public hearing on these administrative regulations shall be held on May 21, 2020, at 1:00 PM Eastern Time. Due to the continuing need for social distancing and the prohibition on mass gatherings, the hearing will be conducted by videoconference. A meeting link will be posted closer to the date of the public hearing. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five workdays prior to the hearing (May 14, 2020), of their intent to attend. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulations to Terry Manuel at kdla.certification@ky.gov. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled.

Upcoming Due Dates for the Department for Local Government

Audits, attestation engagements, and final budget amendments for FY 2019-2020 are due by June 30, 2020. Approved budgets for 2020-2021, registration, and board reporting should be submitted by July 15. DLG asks that all forms and reports be submitted by email to DLG-CSD@ky.gov instead of via their website until further notice.

KDLA Website Spotlight: School-Ready Libraries

In partnership with the University of Kentucky Human Development Institute, School Ready Libraries is a project to develop a comprehensive approach to providing Kentucky public library staff with the training and skills needed to implement successful school readiness programming. Through this project, KDLA provides access to essential knowledge of early childhood development that can be used as a foundation for future development and practical application of public library services and community collaborations. <https://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/programs/school-ready-libraries/Pages/default.aspx>



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